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LETTER CALLING ATTENTION TO ERRORS IN PATENT

Sir:

The following minor error has been noted in the above-mentioned patent:

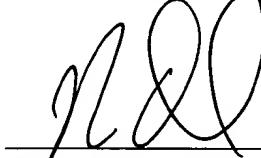
COLUMN 10:

Line 39, "excitation" should read --eXcitation--.

This error appears to be relatively insignificant and, therefore, we do not believe it is necessary to request a Certificate of Correction. However, it is requested that this paper be placed in the filewrapper of the above-identified patent.

Patentee's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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